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praise; and the Association desires to extend to him in this manner, as it has already done by elevating him to the office of President, its commendation and its thanks.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association are justly due and are hereby tendered to Professor H. E. Greene, for the conscientious care with which, in the office of Treasurer, he has guarded and promoted its financial interests.

The Committee on Place of Meeting recommended the acceptance of the invitation of the President and Board of Trustees of the Johns Hopkins University to meet one year hence in Baltimore :

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, *Baltimore, Md., Dec. 18, 1901.*

The President and Trustees of the Johns Hopkins University hereby invite the Modern Language Association of America to meet at the Johns Hopkins University during the Christmas recess of the year 1902.

IRA REMSEN, *President of the Johns Hopkins University.*

The recommendation was adopted.

On motion of Dr. Albert Haas, it was

Resolved, That the Modern Language Association of America expresses and records its regret at the loss of its Honorary Member, Professor Rudolf Haym, of the University of Halle, Germany.

The Committee on International Correspondence submitted the following report :

Your Committee, now constituting the American Bureau of International Correspondence of professors, students and others, established at Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, to supply American students with correspondents in French, German, Italian, and Spanish, makes the following report as to the result of this work for the year 1901.

The report of last year was published in the *Modern Language Notes*, and has since been published in the *Publications* of the Modern Language Association of America, in the New Series, vol. ix, No. 4, pp. ix-xi. This publication has done and is doing much to bring the work of the American Bureau to the attention of our teachers of Modern Languages and others,

and thus promote the increase of this correspondence throughout the country. As a result thus far, aided by a free distribution of circulars and deprints, and an extensive correspondence on the part of your Committee, the following applications have been received, forwarded abroad, and supplied (or are soon to be supplied); 321 for French correspondents; 257 for German correspondents; 11 for Italian correspondents; and 6 for Spanish correspondents. These applications have come from eleven Universities; seven Colleges; four High Schools, and thirty-one from private individuals. It will thus be seen that 595 pairs of correspondents have been formed, and 1,190 individuals are engaged in the work.

The French correspondents have been largely supplied by Prof. Gaston Mouchet of Paris, some by the inventor of the system, Prof. Paul Mieille of Tarbes, and some by a few other instructors; the German correspondents have been supplied by Dr. Martin Hartmann of Leipzig; the Italian by Mr. E. Moneta of Milan, and the Spanish by Mr. E. Garpan of Valencia.

The amount of fees received from students and others applying for correspondents during the year has been \$63.92. Out of this sum there has been expended for stationery, postage, printing, circulars, deprints, type-writing, and foreign fees, the sum of \$57.84, leaving a balance due the Association of \$6.08. The last item, foreign fees, requires some explanation. This refers to the charge made by the German Bureau for each correspondent furnished. For the other languages no fees have been charged, and the chairman of your Committee has endeavored to convince the German Bureau that each Bureau should cover its expenses by charging students of its *own nation* only, for the correspondents furnished them. That would seem to be the most natural, simple, and reasonable method, and avoid all foreign money transactions through a money-order office. But the German Bureau adheres to its method of charging applicants from other nations. I do not know the facts, but have supposed that they also receive fees from their own people to whom they furnish correspondents. I would recommend, however, that the present practice of the Germans be not disturbed, now that their arrangement has been made, and is complied with by the American Bureau.

It may be remembered that in last year's report, mention was made of prizes offered by W. T. Stead, of the *Review of Reviews*, to those "most deserving as regards continuance in regular careful correspondence, and as regards character." Ten of these prizes were allotted to America, but the notice was too brief for many to enter into competition. These prizes were given in the United States, as follows:—to Miss L. Goodnight, University of Kansas; Miss Lina B. Dillistin, Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania; and Mr. Newkirk, Rutgers' College, New Brunswick, N. J.

Mr. Stead also published an Annual last Easter in the three leading languages, English, French, and German, entitled in English *Comrades All*, which was devoted to the subject of the International Correspondence. It was a very interesting work, and your Committee sent me a few specimens

of this journal for the examination of the Association. He proposes to repeat it, with considerable improvements and enlargement this year, at a price, including postage, of about 18 cents each, if a sufficient number of subscribers can be secured. We should be glad if the teachers would subscribe for about 1000 copies in this country. All desiring to do so will please send their names, with the number they will take, to the chairman of your Committee, Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania, and they will be promptly reported in London.

The increased demand for correspondents has caused considerable delay in all of the languages, though the French correspondents have been mostly quite promptly supplied. It is also found that foreigners desiring correspondents in English prefer those from England, probably because letters can be more promptly exchanged than, at the greater distance, with Americans, and also, to some extent, from a belief still too prevalent that *American* is not really *English*, but a species of *patois English*, and thus a hindrance rather than an aid in acquiring the language. It is part of the mission of the International Correspondence to eradicate antique and obsolete ideas of this character.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee on International Correspondence.

EDWARD H. MAGILL, *Chairman*.

The report was approved and the Committee continued.

The Secretary, Professor James W. Bright, read a communication from a member of the Association, suggesting certain changes in the method of arranging the programme of the meetings. The suggestions offered in the letter were as follows :

(1) That we hereafter recognize two different kinds of contributions, namely, (a) thirty-minute papers of general interest, such as are discussable and will presumably provoke discussion; (b) ten-minute *résumés* of papers which are not of general interest and are not expected to provoke discussion, but about which questions may be asked.

(2) That the papers of class (a) be put, as far as possible, in the second and third half-day session (when the members have all arrived and have not yet begun to go away), and that never more than three of them be listed for any one half-day.

(3) That it be the inflexible rule hereafter that a paper to be read by a new member, or in general by any one not known to the maker of the programme, shall be submitted by December 1 and examined by some responsible member of the Association for the purpose of determining whether it is fit to be read at a public session.

(4) For the purpose of determining in advance whether a paper belongs to class (a) or to class (b), let the Secretary prepare a brief circular, setting forth the evils from which we have suffered in the past and explaining what it is hoped to accomplish by the new regulations. Let the circular be sent immediately to any member proposing to present a paper, or to any person from whom a paper is solicited. Let the circular ask the intending reader whether, in his own opinion, his paper belongs to class (a), or to class (b). If he thinks it belongs to class (a), let the circular ask him to furnish a brief account, in not more than three hundred words, of his general drift; and then let this account be printed by the Secretary, if he is himself satisfied with it, and sent out to members along with the programme of the meeting. The object of this provision is to inform the members in advance what they are to hear; to give them an opportunity for reflection, so that they may come to the meeting prepared to speak and say something worth while.

(5) If it should ever happen that *less* than six papers of class (a) are offered, the Secretary might announce one or two topics for discussion in "committee of the whole." Such topics, that would interest everybody, are not at all difficult to find. If *more* than six papers of the thirty-minute class should be offered, the Secretary might select six, having some regard to the variety of interests represented in the Association, and give the rejected candidates the option of going into class (b) or holding over to the next year in class (a).

(6) The above-mentioned circular might very well state that the Association is no less eager than it always has been to encourage accurate scholarship and close investigation. The sole aim of the proposed changes is to make our public sessions, which many travel hundreds of miles to attend, really worth attending.

On motion of Dr. C. S. Baldwin, the proposals were referred, with an expression of general approval of the spirit of the communication, to the Executive Council.

[The Council adopted the following regulations, which were printed on the cover of the third and fourth numbers of the *Publications* for the current year :—

1. Members wishing to present papers at the meeting are expected to prepare them for that particular purpose. Extremely technical treatises may be read by title. Subjects too large to be treated in an ordinary paper, and topics too special to be of general interest, may be brought before the meeting in the form of abstracts lasting from five to ten

minutes. The papers read in full should be so constructed as not to occupy more than twenty (or, at most, thirty) minutes.

2. Every member offering a paper, whether it is to be read in full or not, shall submit to the Secretary, by November 15, with its title, a synopsis of its contents, consisting of some fifty or sixty words. He shall state, at the same time, whether he thinks his paper should be presented by the title only, summarized in an abstract, or read in full. The synopses of accepted papers are to be printed on the programme.

3. The Secretary shall select the programme from the papers thus offered, trying to distribute the matter in such a way as to make all the sessions attractive. In general not more than an hour and a half shall be devoted to the presentation of papers at any one session. There shall be sufficient opportunity for discussion and for social intercourse.

4. The question of publication is to be decided for each paper on its merits as a contribution to science, without regard to the form in which it has been presented at the meeting.]

On motion of Professor Calvin Thomas, it was

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Association that the Cambridge meeting of 1901 has been extremely pleasant and profitable. We feel under great obligation to the authorities of Harvard, especially to President and Mrs. Eliot for their delightful hospitality, and to the Local Committee for the admirable arrangements they have made for our pleasure and convenience. It is our desire that the Secretary convey to Professor Bliss Perry an appropriate expression of our thanks for his incomparable smoke talk on Friday evening. To all and several of the Cambridge people who have entertained us, we are very grateful.

The reading of papers was then resumed.

26. "The *Comedias* of Diego Ximenez de Enciso." By Dr. Rudolph Schwill, of Yale University.

27. "The Literary Influence of Sterne in France." By Dr. Charles S. Baldwin, of Yale University. [See *Publications*, xvii, 2, p. 221.]

28. "Friedrich Hebbel and the Problem of 'Inner Form.'" By Dr. John F. Coar, of Harvard University.

29. "The Dramatic Guilt in Schiller's *Braut von Messina*." By Professor W. H. Carruth, of the University of Kansas. [Read by title.] [See *Publications*, xvii, 1, p. 105.]

The Association adjourned at one o'clock.
